

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
July 14, 2011

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson ; Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire, Carol Massie, and Jim McPartlin. Not Present: Mark Supper. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fabio Conti, Patrick Olmstead, Roxanna Sassanian. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson;. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, Andrews International; Deputy Thompson, Deputy Rivas, Deputy Andrew, LASD; Captain Beatrice Girmala, LAPD; Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Elizabeth McDonald, Yoshi Hisataka, LA FILM; Howard Ferguson, Hollywood Frontier; Brian Folb, Paramount Contractors.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair John Tronson at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved the meeting notes from their May 12, 2011 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler reviewed the statistics for the year through Week 27. Seyler said the BID has continued its process of handling misdemeanor arrests in the BID. The officers are also being sure to continue to call LAPD when felony situations arise. Last week a local business complained to BID patrol of drug deals occurring in their store. BID officers put the owner in touch with the LAPD Narcotics unit who handled the complaint.

Lastly, Seyler reported that the vacant apartments at Selma and Highland have continued to be a problem area, with squatters frequently entering the property. Morrison reported that she has been in communication with the property owner and that Seyler has prepared a report for him to take to show the planning department at the City, who has currently prohibited the owner from demolishing the property. Captain Girmala also volunteered to speak with the owner to voice her concerns with the property not being demolished.

B. Report from LAPD: Captain Girmala informed the committee that crime in Hollywood continues to remain at an all time low, with the exception of theft from motor vehicles. The Captain urged the committee members to inform their tenants, friends, families, and anyone they knew visiting Hollywood to not leave items unattended in vacant vehicles. The Captain also mentioned that her Parole Impact Team has connected with several citizens and agencies in the area and was able to identify eight criminal rings in the division. The team is currently working behind the scenes to proactively remove these rings before something occurs. These next two months, LAPD will be participating in a Tour Bus Operator and Party Bus

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Task Force. Additionally, LAPD's e-platoon (Mounted Unit) will be in the area to provide security for the new Cirque show, and can also come to other businesses.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Rivas introduced the committee to their newest team member, "Deputy Andrew." The Sheriffs have been actively patrolling the Metro lines and stops, including Hollywood and Vine. Deputy Rivas told the committee that the area by the elevators still seems to be a problem from time to time, but that their officers are monitoring it constantly. Through their efforts the Sheriffs are informing individuals who may be coming to Hollywood to commit a crime that this is not the place to be.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Activities Related to Community Impact Team/Sidewalk Nuisance Abatement: Morrison and Joe Mariani attended a meeting on July 11 for the Community Impact Team. Morrison shared with the Committee that the California Highway Patrol has become heavily involved in the group, and that she would be making a matrix of all the Law Enforcement Agencies (LAPD, LADOT, CHP, BSS, etcetera.) involved with the policing of tour companies so that the agencies can clearly see what are their responsibilities, and also communicate amongst each other to identify and enforce against repeat problematic tour companies. Morrison also said that the Bureau of Street Services has done a few late night deployment task forces, which were supported by BID and City contributions. As part of the task force Morrison has requested that BSS provide a matrix of the operation to the BID board to show how many citations have been issued, and how effective the program has been.

B. Cahuenga Corridor Meetings: A few weeks ago, five valet companies were selected to participate in an RFP to be the sole provider of valet services to Cahuenga businesses. Morrison said the committee has selected a vendor and is now working with the City to try and provide a revocable permit to allow them to place their kiosks on the public sidewalk, and prevent other rogue valet companies from coming into that area.

C. W Plaza Activation Update: Morrison mentioned that the plaza's hot dog vendor has arrived and that things are proceeding along, but a little slower than originally anticipated. Metro employees have proposed removing all planters and streetscape elements from the plaza to prevent sitting, however Morrison has strongly encouraged them to delay those plans until additional efforts have been made to activate the plaza, such as the addition of other food carts, and possibly supplemental tables and chairs.

VI. New Business

A. John Tronson asked the committee to review the attached memo which documented the appropriate expectations for BID Security in the area. Tronson asked Captain Girmala her thoughts on the document, as the intention would be for both boards to amend the Andrews International contract to ensure those guidelines are continued to be followed by BID Patrol Officers. Captain Girmala responded that she had previously reviewed the memo and found nothing to add to it. She wanted to be clear that the recommended changes did not come from her, but were an effort to decrease liability to both the BID security and the property owners in

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the area. Tronson added that the BID's partnership with LAPD has been a long-time vital and successful relationship, and the BID is doing what they can to ensure that this continues to be the case. Captain Girmala agreed and thanked the BID and its officers for their support and partnership with the LAPD.

B. Hollywood/Whitley Security Camera Equipment: Mariani informed the committee that the transmitter and power supply for the Hollywood/Whitley LAPD camera has been stolen. The BID has filed a police report, but do not believe this part is covered by City insurance, as the camera was donated to the City. Tronson suggested that Mariani obtain a quote to see what the cost would be to replace the equipment and to have the Board vote on it at their next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair John Tronson at 11:25 a.m.